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1. I MET WITH FORNMIN LIEVANO THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE COLOMBIAN-COSTARICAN-VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE ON CUBA. LIEVANO SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN AGREEMENT ON THE FOL: A. THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION SHOULD BE THE ENTITY TAKING FINAL ACTION ON THE SANCTIONS QUESTION; B. A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WOULD BE CONVOKED AND THE JOINT PROPOSAL BE MADE TO DESIGNATE A COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY WHICH WOULD REPORT TO THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION; C. THIS WOULD BE A FIVE MEMBER COMMITTEE AND WOULD REPORT IN ABOUT A MONTH; D. THE COMMITTEE'S TASK WOULD BE TO DETERMINE THE DESIRABILITY OR NONDESIRABILITY OF CUBAN SANCTIONS FROM THE STAND-POINT, FIRST, OF CHANGES IN THE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AND SYSTEM (DETENTE, ETC), AND SECONDLY, OF THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF THE SANCTIONS. IT WOULD NOT SEEK TO ANALYZE THE ORIGINAL MOTIVES FOR THE SANCTIONS.

2. THE MIN SAID THAT AS TO TIMING, COLOMBIA WOULD BE NO PROBLEM, BUT, HE SAID, QTE YOU WILL HAVE A PROBLEM WITH VENEZUELA UNQTE. HE AFFIRMED THAT PRES PEREZ WAS STILL UPSET BY THE EARLIER PRESS LEAKS ON OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH HIM, AND THAT THE GOV WOULD PRESS FOR A MEETING AND DECISION OF THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION BY THE CONFIDENTIAL

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END OF OCT.

- 3. FACIO LEFT TODAY (I DID NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK TO HIM) FOR CARACAS AND WILL SPEND ABOUT A DAY AND A HALF THERE, THEN RETURNING TO SAN JOSE. WHILE FACIO WAS HERE, THE MIN SAID,NVELE-PHONE CONSULTATIONS WERE HELD WITH SCHACHT.
- 4. I TOLD THE MIN THAT OUR CNCERN ABOUT TIMING DID NOT REALLY RELATE TO THE TIMING OF THE US CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS BUT RATHER TO OUR BELIEF THAT THE ENTIRE PROCESS SHOULD UNFOLD IN A MEASURED WAY THAT WOULD PERMIT FULL CONSULTATION AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. I REPEATED THE POINTS IN REFTEL A IN THIS REGARD. THE MIN SAID HE AGREED WITH US; WHAT HAS BEEN AGREED TO WITH COSTA RICA AND VENEZUELA, HE SAID, IS SIMPLY THAT THEY WILL PRESENT A PROPOSAL TO THE COUNCIL FOR A COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY FOR THE PURPOSE DES-CRIBED AND CONVOCATION OF THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION IN DUE COURSE FOR FINAL ACTION. I SAID THAT I THOUGHT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY WERE VERY IMPORTANT AND THERE SHOULD BE FULL CONSULTATION AMONG ALL MEMBERS AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. HE SAID HE AGREED. THE MIN ADDED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE RESOLUTION AND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE BE CAREFULLY PHRASED SO AS NOT RPT NOT TO GIVE CASTRO ANY GROUNDS FOR DISCREDITING THE MULTILATERAL MOVE AND THE OAS PROCESS, OR TO PERMIT HIM TO CHARGE THAT COLOMBIA AND THE OTHERS WERE US QTE PUPPETS UNQTE. THE TASK OF THE COMMITTEE HAD TOHCE ARTICULATED IN SUCH A WAY THAT CASTRO CANNOT OBJECT.

5. WE AGREED TO STAY IN TOUCH. VAKY

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